(d) what steps are being taken to arrive at an agreement with the Jute workers ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) Only in West Bengal, the workers of the Jute Industry have strick work from 28th January, 1992 following a call for general strike given by certain Trade Unions in support of their Charter of demands. The main points of the Charter of Demands are (i) Hike in wages, (ii) Increase in the rate of neutralisation of variabel Dearness Allowance, (iii) Increase in HRA, Bonus, Gratuity, (iv) Introduction of Medical Leave, Medical Allowance, Leave Travle Allowance facilities, (v) Implementation of Jute Packaging Meterial Act, (vi) Nationalisation of Jute Industriy etc.

(c) and (d) The Government of West Bengal, the appropriate Government under the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947 has intiated necessary action to bring about a settlement to the strike. The Central Government has also appealed to the Chief Minister of West Bengal for his intervention.

Pension scheme to working journalists

555. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to launch a scheme to provide pension to working journalists and other categories of employees covered under the employees Provident Fund Scheme ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the details of the scheme had been worked out by the Central Provident Fund Commissioner and submitted to Government ; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in finalising the scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) to (c) The Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund have recommended introduction of a suitable Pension Scheme for the members of the Employees Provident Fund Scheme including working journalists. The Scheme provides for payment of pension in the contigencies of superannuation, retirement and permanent total disablement/death in service.

(d) Finalisation of the Scheme requires inter-departmental consultations.

देश में शिक्षित बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों की संख्या

556. डा. अबरार अहमद :
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय देश में शिक्षित बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों की, राज्यवार, संख्या कितनी-कितनी है और सरकार ऐसे व्यक्तियों को रोजगार प्रदान करने के लिए क्या-क्या प्रयास कर रही है ;

(ख) श्रमिकों के लिए न्यूनतम मजदूरी की दरें कब तक बढ़ाये जाने की सम्भावना है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि श्रमिक मूल्य-वृद्धि से बुरी तरह प्रभावित हुए हैं ; और

(घ) श्रमिकों को नियमित रूप से काम देने के लिए सरकार की क्या-क्या योजनाएं हैं ?